GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4362
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2017
Funds Allocated for Healthcare Sector
Hazra Dr. Anupam

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of GDP allocated for the healthcare sector for welfare of women and children in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the said percentage to the above vital sectors in the future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As per Economic Survey, 2016-17, expenditure by Government (Centre and States) on health as percentage of GDP for 2016-17 (BE) is 1.4 per cent. The funds allocated for the welfare of women and children under National Health Mission (NHM) (including matching State share) for 2016-17 is Rs. 18,893.00 crore. The percentage of funds allocated for women and children out of total outlay under NHM is 65% in 2016-17.

Further, allocation under Union Budget (2017-18) towards Ministry of Women and Child Development is Rs. 22094.67 crore and out of which, Rs. 20755.19 crore is allocated towards Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program.

(b) & (c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to increase the funds in order to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to the people including women and children lies with respective State Government. Under National Health Mission, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the State Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people including women and children through various centrally sponsored health schemes. The National Health Policy, 2017 envisages increasing public expenditure on health to 2.5% of GDP in the time bound manner by 2025.